

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 15 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 15.

In the Office Action, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because claim 9 calls for a program on a data carrier. The Office Action states that claim 9 would be functional and statutory if it had a computer readable medium. Applicant is amending claim 1 to clarify that the program is embodied on a computer-readable medium. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 101 rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Since this amendment neither raises new issues nor requires further consideration, entry is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that the present amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that it be entered for the purpose of appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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